IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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MASAKAZU FUJIKI, ET AL.)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the final Office Action dated February 18, 2009, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: